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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL: PUBLIC PREOCCUPATION WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS MODERATED ENOUGH DURING THE PAST WEEU TO ALLOW TIME AND SPACE FOR FAIRLY INTENSIVE FOCUS ON THREE FOREIGN ISSUES IMMEDIATELY RELEVANT TO JAPAN'S NATIONAL INTERESTS: THE EXPECTED OPEC OIL PRICE HIKE, THE DOMINO EFFECT FROM THE USSR'S ACCEPTING THE U.S. 200-MILE FISHING ZONE, AND REPERCUSSIONS FROM THE STRAINS IN US-ROK RELATIONS. THE CONCERN OVER THE OIL PRICE HIKE IS NOT OVER WHETHER JAPAN ITSELF CAN ADJUST TO THE INCREASE, BUT OVER ITS IMPACT ON A STILL SHAKY WORLD ECONOMIC RECOVERY. ON THE HEELS OF SOVIET AND OTHER NATIONS' ACCEPTANCE OF THE U.S. 200-MILE ZONE FOR REGULATING FISHING HAS COME EXACTLY THE SNOW-BALLING EFFECT THAT JAPAN HAD FEARED: NATIONS ALL AROUND THE PACIFIC BASIN MOVING TOWARD SETTING UP THEIR OWN 200-MILE ZONES, TALC EVEN OF JAPAN DECLARING A 200-MILE ZONE, AND SUCH ODD SIDE EFFECTS AS REPORTS THAT OF JAPANESE AND AMERICAN SURVEY VESSELS WATCHING FOR SUBMARINE VOLCANISM TO PRODUCE A NEW ISLAND SOUTH OF IWOJIMA SO THAT THEY CAN CALIM SOVEREIGNTY AND PRE-EMPT THE RICH FISHERY RESOURCES WITHIN A 200-MILE RADIUS. THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE ALSO CLOSELY FOLLOWED THE WASHINGTON NEWS ON THE KCIA INVESTIGATION AND ON THE FORMING OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S CABINET.

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2. PROGRAM

A. MORE DUBOS: ROCKFELLER UNIV. EMERITUS PROFESSOR RENE DUBOS CLICKED AT TWO MORE AMERICAN CENTERS. IN KYOTO HE ENGAGED HIS VERY HIGH LEVEL AUDIENCE (ACADEMICIANS, URBAN PLANNERS, TOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ARTISTS, ETC.) IN AN IMPRESSIVE CONSIDERATION OF NEW WAYS OF THINKING ABOUT AND ADAPTING TO FUTURE PROBLEMS. CHIEF AREAS OF FOCUS: QUALITY OF URBAN LIFE, ECONOMIC GROWTH/DOOMSDAY-ISM AND THE CLUB OF ROME, THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE ANTI-TECHNOLOGY MOVEMENT--ALL HANDLED IN WAYS HIGHLY RELEVANT TO OUR PROGRAM OBJECTIVES. IN OSAKA WITH A MIXED AUDIENCE OF 73, DUBOS FOCUSED SOMEWHAT MORE ON MAN'S HARMONY WITH HIS ENVIRONMENT, AND THE SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REQUISITES THEREOF. THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WAS ANIMATED AND RAN LONG OVERTIME.

B. GABRIEL LADERMAN: QUEENS COLLEGE ARTS PROFESSOR AND PAINTER GABRIEL LADERMAN SPOKE IN TOKYO AND FUKUOKA ON "NEW AMERICAN NON-POP REALISM," WITH HIS AUDIENCES PRIMARILY OF ARTISTS AND ARTS TEACHERS AND STUDENTS NUMBERING 39 IN TOKYO AND 34 IN FUKUOKA. HE DESCRIBED, WITH THE HELP OF SLIDES, HOW THE PRE-MODERNIST PAST OF AMERICAN ART IS BEING RE-EVALUATED, ENABLING NON-POP REALISM TO CO-EXIST WITH OTHER ART SCHOOLS AS ONE OF MANY. LADERMAN WAS ARTICULATE AND VERY WELL INFORMED. HIS AUDIENCE IN FUKUOKA KEPT HIM FOR 45 MINUTES OF INTERESTED DISCUSSION ON THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF REALISM AND ON COMPARISONS OF REALISM WITH OTHER ART FORMS. IN TOKYO, THE AUDIENCE'S LACK OF PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF AMERICAN REALISM OR INCLINATION TOWARD POP AND AVANT-GARDE ART RESULTED IN THE Q AND A PERIOD FALLING COMPLETELY FLAT--ENDING ALMOST BEFORE IT BEGAN.

C. AMERICAN EDUCATION: IN OSAKA, A LOCAL PROFESSOR, SABURO SATO OF OSAKA CITY UNIVERSITY, DREW ON HIS 1975-76 FULBRIGHT STUDY TOUR OF AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL CENTERS IN OFFERING A SLIDE-ILLUSTRATED TALK ON MID-1970S TRENDS IN AMERICAN EDUCATION. THE AUDIENCE OF ALMOST 150 INCLUDED 59 INVITED ARS, 43 STUDENTS AND OTHERS FROM ARS INSTITUTIONS, PLUS GENERAL PUBLIC RESPONDING TO A PRESS NOTICE OF THEO PROGRAM. PROF. SATO COVERED NON-GRADING SYSTEMS, RACE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBLEMS AND BUSSING, EDUCATIONAL EXPERIMENTS BY LOCAL, STATE AND USG EDUCATORS, BUDGETS AND EDUCATIONAL POLICY. A DAILY "YOMIURI" SENIOR REPORTER SAID THE LECTURE GAVE HIM "MORE THAN EXPECTED"; AND AN OFFICIAL OF THE OAKA EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE SAID THE COMPARISON OF U.S. AND JAPANESE EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS WAS "PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE."

3. MEDIA FOLLOW-UP: THE MEDIA BRIEFING WITH CFR'S WILLIAM BARNDT

LAST WEEK LED TO AN NHK NEWS COMMENTATOR SEEKING OUT THE USIS
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER THIS WEEK FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF
U.S. POLICY ON KOREA AND ON THE FUSS IN THE U.S. OVER THE KCIA
AFFAIR. THE POST'S PRESS OFFICE ARRANGED AN INTERVIEW FOR
CALIFORNIA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DYMALLY WHICH APPEARED I THE DAILY
MAINICHI'S "CROSSROADS" COLUMN. ALSO,THE BUSINESS-ORIENTED
DAILY "QNIHON KOGYO SHIMBUN" CARRIED AN ITEM FROM THE DECEMBER
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